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## **Senator Allen congratulates local Michigan Works! Agencies on grant awards**

**LANSING** – Residents of northern Michigan and the eastern Upper Peninsula will benefit from Adult Training Program grants given by the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth announced Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City.

“This is great news for our local residents,” Allen said. “Job creation is a top priority and we need to make sure they are prepared and have the necessary skills that employers are looking for.”

Michigan Works! Agencies in the 37th senate district scheduled to receive grant money include the Eastern Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!, \$28,547; the Northeast Michigan Consortium, \$59,636; and the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, \$70,678.

The grants, totaling more than \$1.5 million across the state, are made available through the federal Workforce Investment Act. They will be used to provide a variety of career preparation options to assist Michigan residents become more employable.

“Preparing our residents for employment is important so they can hold steady jobs and contribute to the economy,” Allen said. “These grants will help those looking for employment to attain the skills needed to acquire a good, well-paying job.”

The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth is a state government agency designed to provide the skilled workforce Michigan needs to enhance and maintain the state economy. The agency works with employers, K-12 schools, community colleges and local workforce development boards.

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